

(a) whether a new division in the name of 'Unfiltered Water Supply Division' has been created in CPWD during 1990-91; and

(b) if so, the action contemplated by the Government to improve the working of the Division?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Unfiltered Water Supply Division in the CP WD has been created to attend to renovation and improvement of the existing unfiltered water supply and is expected to substantially improve the distribution of the unfiltered water. The level of maintenance of the existing distribution system of the unfiltered water is reported to have improved since the creation of this Division.

Review of Fertilizer Subsidy

6592. SHRI PALA K. M. MATHEW: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to restart the erstwhile subsidy on fertilizers, taking into account the difficulties experienced by the farmers in this regard;

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be restarted and to what extent; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (c). Subsidy is being paid for all fertilizers except the low analysis fertilizers like ammonium chloride, ammonium sulphate, calcium ammonium nitrate and sulphate of potash. There is no proposal to bring back the above named four fertilizers within the fold of the fertilizer retention price-cum-subsidy scheme.

Drinking Water to Workers

6593. SHRI SIMON MARANDI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the action taken so far by the Government to supply drinking water to the workers and employees working in Chitra Colliery, Dumka (Bihar) and the year-wise details of expenditure incurred thereon;

(b) whether the arrangements for drinking water supply in the said mine are not adequate as a result of which the workers/employees are not getting the proper and regular supply of drinking water; and

(c) if so, whether the Government propose to evolve a prompt and proper solution to this problem and if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) In Chitra Colliery there is a slow sand filtration plant of one lakh gallon per day capacity for supplying drinking water to the employees of Chitra Colliery. The scheme was implemented at a cost of Rs. 4.57 lakhs in the year 1984. In 1987 a further sum of Rs. 3.59 lakhs was spent for extending the facilities with the construction of an additional overhead tank. In addition five hand-pumps tube-wells have been installed in 1990-91. Water drawn from these tube wells is supplied through water carriers on regular basis.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

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Export of Coal

6594. SHRI NITISH KUMAR: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state: